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SUBJ: EBAN ON DISENGAGEMENT PROGRESS WITH EGYPT

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1. I TOLD EBAN FEB 12 THAT FAHMY PREVIOUS DAY HAD ASSERTED THAT SOME OF 89 EGYPTIAN POWS HAD BEEN IN ISRAELI HANDS SINCE BEFORE OCTOBER CEASEFIRE AND THUS WERE BEING HELD IN VIOLATION OF SIX-POINT AGREEMENT. EBAN STATED THIS WAS NOT TRUE; ALL 89 HAD BEEN CAPTURED SUBSEQUENTLY AND WOULD BE RETURNED TO EGYPT DURING LAST PHASE OF DISENGAGEMENT, AS AGREED.

2. EBAN SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY FIDELITY WITH WHICH EGYPT WAS CARRYING OUT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. SADAT SEEMED TO BELIEVE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SHOW THAT EGYPT'S SIGNATURE ON AN AGREEMENT WAS MEANINGFUL. THIS OF COURSE WAS VERY HELPFUL TO GOI, AS RIGHTWING OPPOSITION IN ISRAEL HAD BEEN ARGUING-- CITING ISRAEL'S BITTER EXPERIENCE OF AUGUST 1970-- THAT GOI UNDER DISENAGEMENT AGREEMENT HAD GIVEN AWAY SOMETHING CONCRETE, I.E. SOME TERRITORY, IN RETURN FOR ONLY AN EGYPTIAN SIGNATURE, ON WHICH NO ONE COULD RELY. KEATING

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